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WASHINGTON, January 30, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 25 totaled 319,081, up 1.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 1.9 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 2.0 percent in the East and up 5.4 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain increased by 2,967 cars (10.7 percent), loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 2,031 cars (15.8 percent), and crushed stone, sand and gravel loadings increased by 1,525 cars (18.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first four weeks of 1992 totaled 1,213,395, up 2.4 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 121,828 trailers and containers for the week ended January 25, up 3.8 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first four weeks of 1992 was 452,923 trailers and containers, 3.2 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 25 totaled 20.6 billion, up 5.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first four weeks of 1992 was an estimated 78.3 billion ton-miles, up 5.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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# WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
## FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25, 1992

### CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

| COMMODITY | WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25, 1992 | COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991 | CHANGE | COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grain | 30,623 | 27,656 | 10.7 % | 27,864 | 9.9 % |
| Farm Products, Ex. Grain | 1,779 | 2,369 | -24.9 | 1,665 | 6.8 |
| Metallic Ores | 13,433 | 13,901 | -3.4 | 13,935 | -3.6 |
| Coal | 126,759 | 126,197 | 0.4 | 122,771 | 3.2 |
| Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel | 9,976 | 8,451 | 18.0 | 8,958 | 11.4 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 7,699 | 8,496 | -9.4 | 7,364 | 4.5 |
| Grain Mill Products | 10,207 | 10,499 | -2.8 | 10,417 | -2.0 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 9,275 | 9,032 | 2.7 | 9,109 | 1.8 |
| Primary Forest Products | 8,769 | 8,915 | -1.6 | 8,921 | -1.7 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 5,988 | 5,242 | 14.2 | 5,776 | 3.7 |
| Pulp, Paper & Allied Products | 9,996 | 10,943 | -8.7 | 10,489 | -4.7 |
| Chemicals | 28,409 | 28,548 | -0.5 | 28,958 | -1.9 |
| Petroleum Products | 4,973 | 4,661 | 6.7 | 5,036 | -1.3 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 7,693 | 7,983 | -3.6 | 7,662 | 0.4 |
| Coke | 4,933 | 4,719 | 4.5 | 5,668 | -13.0 |
| Metals & Products | 10,095 | 9,661 | 4.5 | 10,054 | 0.4 |
| Motor Vehicles & Equipment | 14,917 | 12,886 | 15.8 | 14,481 | 3.0 |
| Waste & Scrap Materials | 8,158 | 8,020 | 1.7 | 8,191 | -0.4 |
| All Other Carloads | 5,399 | 6,021 | -10.3 | 5,757 | -6.2 |
| **Total** | **319,081** | **314,200** | **1.6 %** | **313,076** | **1.9 %** |

### SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

| TRAFFIC | WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25, 1992 1992 | 1991 | CHANGE | CUMULATIVE: 4 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 25, 1992 1992 | 1991 | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Carloads Originated** | **319,081** | **314,200** | **1.6 %** | **1,213,395** | **1,185,354** | **2.4 %** |
| **Intermodal Traffic Originated** | | | | | | |
| Trailers | 59,101 | 61,562 | -4.0 | 216,268 | 229,005 | -5.6 |
| Containers | 62,727 | 55,791 | 12.4 | 236,655 | 209,730 | 12.8 |
| **Total** | **121,828** | **117,353** | **3.8** | **452,923** | **438,735** | **3.2** |
| **Estimated Ton-Miles** | | | | | | |
| **Class I Railroads (Billions)** | **20.6** | **19.6** | **5.1 %** | **78.3** | **74.1** | **5.7 %** |

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